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BOARD OF EDUCATION

HELD ITS ORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY NIGHT.

Thomas Oakes Re-elected President—Standing Committee Appointed—The Problem of More School Room.

The Board of Education met Monday night and organized by electing Thomas Oakes, president; Dr. William B. Broughton, vice-president, a new position created by the school law; William A. Baldwin, clerk. President Oakes appointed the following committees: Finance and supplies, Baldwin and Kocher; instruction, Broughton and Stone; maintenance, Vogels and Ellor; buildings, Martin and Bedell.

J. S. Cramer, construction agent of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, who lives in Essex avenue, asked permission to erect poles along the school property in that the telephone to enable him to place a phone in his house. Mr. Cramer said that as the electric light company would not allow his concern to put wires on light poles, owing to the recent fatality to linemen, the only way he could get the phone was by erecting the poles. The board referred the matter to the Maintenance Committee.

"That means it is all over with a telephone for me, doesn't it?" inquired Mr. Cramer.

The members smiled and Commissioner Ellor remarked that it was really consoling to think corporations could not have things just as they pleased.

Dr. Broughton and Mr. Oakes were named to represent the School Board in the Board of Estimate, which meets in May or possibly earlier and fixes the amount to be placed in the local tax levy for school purposes.

Public school maintenance will be an important item of consideration this year in making up the financial budget. It is likely there will be an imperative demand for at least four new teachers, and a considerable increase in the school enrollment means a corresponding increase in the supplies account. A large increase in the number of dwellings in the town means an increased demand upon the public school facilities.

In the Fairview School district, where a large number of houses are being erected, there is trouble now in providing for the children that should attend the Fairview School, and transfers of pupils from that school to other schools have recently been made.

Berkley and Watsessing school houses have nearly reached the limit of their capacity and more new houses in those districts will bring the Board of Education to a position where an enlargement of school houses must be made.

The establishment of the Italian School in the Silver Lake district brought temporary relief to Berkley. The Italian School, as it is called, has proved a success. There is a good attendance at the school and the pupils are making fine progress.

The building boom in the Second Ward is having an effect at the Brookside School and there will likely be a demand for more school room in that ward before long.

Empire Theatre

Any one who is fond of the theatre and its best plays—plays which are clean, wholesome, splendidly acted, that send one away after the performance with a feeling of happiness and exaltation—will be very sorry if they fail to see Henry E. Dixey in "The Man on the Box," at the Empire Theatre, Newark, next week, January 15, for this is one of those rare, in fact, almost unknown, theatrical productions. With a record of 123 nights at the Madison Square Theatre, New York, which it left last week, acted by the identical original company, which scored that great run, and with every particle of scenery and properties which gave it the title of the best staged and best acted production in New York, Walter L. Lawrence, its manager, is certainly entitled to the consideration and thanks of every local playgoer. Dramatized from Harold McGrath's famous novel of that title, "The Man on the Box" is a witty, funny comedy, written around one of the sweetest, cleanest love stories which have ever been presented on a theatrical stage, while the excellence of its cast, selected, as each member was, for some special individual fitness for his or her role, makes witnessing one of its performances a delightful lesson in the art of acting in its highest development. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday.

Guild Lecture

The First Church Guild will have the pleasure of listening Monday evening to Mr. Evelyn B. Baldwin tell of his experiences of the "Search for the North Pole or Life in the Great White World." Mr. Baldwin was the organizer and leader of the Baldwin-Ziegler Polar Expedition and was also with Lieutenant Peary on one of his expeditions.

An Inconvenient Fire

A combination stable and dwelling on the State street front of the premises of ex-Judge Amos Dodd was destroyed by fire about three o'clock on Wednesday morning. Walter Ford (colored) and his wife, who are both in the employ of the Dodd family, had living rooms on the second floor of the building, and narrowly escaped death from suffocation. Mr. Ford awoke about three o'clock in the morning. He discovered that the rooms were filled with smoke. He aroused his wife and then ran down stairs. He found a blaze in progress in the southeast corner of the ground floor of the building. He immediately caused a cry of fire, and after getting his wife out of the building he ran to send in an alarm. A policeman heard the cry of fire and turned in an alarm from box 35. The companies from the central fire house made a quick response.

The building was damaged to the extent of about \$1,000, and the Ford family lost considerable in damage to their personal belongings.

Mr. Dodd highly appreciates the work of the firemen, and a card of thanks from him to the firemen is published in this issue of the CITIZEN.

There seems to be no doubt at all but what the fire was of an incendiary origin, and a reward of \$200 is offered for the conviction of the guilty party.

A fox terrier dog named "Gyp," and highly prized by the members of the family, was suffocated in the burning building.

Killed on the Railroad

John Huff, a laborer employed at the Sprague Electric Works, and residing in a rear house on Henry street, was killed on the Lackawanna Railroad, near Second river, late Saturday night. He was run over by the after-midnight train, known as the milk train. The engineer of the train says that the man was lying on the track. The body was horribly mutilated, and Policeman Blum gathered up part of the corpse with a shovel.

Huff had been drinking all day Sunday. He spent part of the day in Silver Lake. About four o'clock Sunday afternoon he was in a Watsessing saloon. It was after midnight when he left a friend's house in Glenwood avenue to go home. On Glenwood avenue he met a man with whom he worked in the factory, and the two men started for Watsessing. It is surmised that Huff was on his way home from that place and fell on the railroad track, and was so drunk that he could not get up. Huff leaves a widow and five small children.

Catholic Lyceum Officers

The Bloomfield Catholic Lyceum officers were installed Monday night, after which President Dunn made the following appointments: Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, John A. Moran, Grover T. Caffrey and Joseph P. Drury; member of the board of directors, Edward J. Moran; committee on base-ball, Jeremiah Davis (manager), James Riley, Edward Gruber, Edward J. Moran, John Flannery and John A. Moran; press, Joseph A. Glennon and Edward J. Moran; athletics, William Nolan and John Fischert; John Moran, J. Flannery, Edward Gruber, P. Glennon and Michael Drury were named to make arrangements for bowling and shuffleboard contests with the Orange Valley Lyceum. A euchre under the auspices of the lyceum will be held January 25.

Hebrew Synagogue

Glen Ridge is to have a new church or Hebrew synagogue, if the present plans of the Congregation Shomer Amuno of Bloomfield and Montclair are carried out. At a meeting held Sunday afternoon the following members were appointed a committee to secure a lot for the purpose of erecting a synagogue thereon: David Shapiro, Max Moser, Nathan Kurliok and Isaac Samuil of Bloomfield, and Philip Abrams of Montclair.

The congregation was organized but a short time ago, and since then has made rapid strides forward. The cost of the ground and building, it is estimated, will be about \$4,000. It is not known just where the new synagogue will be located, but the site most favored is on Bloomfield avenue, not far from Ridgewood avenue.

Savings Bank Statement

The Bloomfield Savings Institution has issued its statement for January 23, showing a list of its assets and liabilities, which may be found in another column. The growth in deposits and depositors for the past two years is shown by their statement to be as follows:

	Depositors	Deposits
January 1, 1904	1,376	\$22,445.00
July 1, 1904	1,527	\$30,023.50
January 1, 1905	1,683	\$39,763.97
July 1, 1905	1,836	\$49,733.42
January 1, 1906	1,981	\$64,655.00

Bank Directors Elected

The Bloomfield National Bank elected these directors on Tuesday afternoon: Thomas Oakes, G. Lee Stout, James Beahm, Wm. A. Baldwin, David Oakes, Henry P. Dodd, Lewis K. Dodd, George A. Oakes and Edward G. Ward. William Polak and Leonard Richards were not re-elected. The directors met Friday afternoon for organization.

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Held its First Regular Session for 1906 Monday Night—Change in Official Headquarters Discussed—Borough May Have Electric Light.

The first regular business meeting of the Glen Ridge Borough Council for the current year was held Monday night, and a proposition of the Glen Ridge Library Association to lease the lower floor of Glen Ridge Hall to the borough for official purposes was a chief topic of discussion.

Councilman White submitted the proposition and said that if it was accepted, the library association would throw open the library to the public, thereby making it a free institution. In order to carry out the scheme the library trustees, who at present rent one large room in the hall, propose to lease two more rooms, paying \$600 a year for the three, and then sublet two of them to the borough for \$1,000, thereby adding \$400 yearly to the library treasury. It was this part of the proposition that brought out the objections.

Councilman Knight said that he had understood that the Glen Ridge Hall trustees had offered to rent the premises in question to a druggist for \$600 a year, and he thought it would be unwise for the borough to pay \$1,000 for something that could be obtained for \$600. As to the free library, which he declared would virtually cost \$400 a year, Mr. Knight thought the matter should be referred to a public meeting of citizens to decide. The question was finally laid over until the next meeting.

Permission was granted to the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company to open a portion of Bloomfield avenue near Hillside avenue in order to extend its conduits. Mr. White submitted a letter which he said he sent to the company relating to the poles on Bloomfield and Ridgewood avenues, which are to be removed by April 1.

According to the council's decision all new poles on other streets in the borough must be octagonal in shape and painted green.

Mr. White said further that he had been trying to get the United Electric Company to light the borough on terms offered by the local authorities.

"I am now in a fair way to gain my point, and I will submit a proposition to the council at a future meeting," said Mr. White. The present system of lighting by gas has long been unsatisfactory.

Mr. Best of the sewer committee reported that the amount to be assessed for the sewer in Wildwood terrace was \$484.15; Baldwin street, \$341.23, and Park avenue, \$447.50. A motion that the council meet February 12 to hear objections to the assessments was passed.

A letter from the Essex County Park Commission to the Borough Council stated that the recent offer of land to the commission for park purposes was under consideration, and that the Park Board would have an expert go over the property.

Hampson West

At the residence of Thomas A. Creede, 358 William street, East Frange, Miss Carrie Elizabeth West of that city and Walter Hampson of Bloomfield avenue, this town, were married Saturday night by Rev. William Taylor, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Orange. The bride, who was given away by her cousin, Mr. Creede, wore a gown of white tulle with trimmings with Irish point lace. Her bridal veil was caught with lilies of the valley. The matron of honor was Mrs. Thomas A. Creede, who wore mousseline de soie. The bride's other attendant was Miss Florence G. Burt of Plainfield. Esther Creede, godchild of the bride, was flower girl. The best man was Dr. Frank W. Lockwood of East Orange, and the ushers were L. Lewis Smith of Hackettstown, Howard Reiter of Middletown, Conn., and Charles Crane of Providence, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. Hampson will reside in Plainfield.

The Messiah Concert

The final rehearsal of "The Messiah" will be held in Jarvis Memorial Hall Tuesday evening, January 15, and Monday evening with the orchestra and soloists, January 22. The concert will be given on Tuesday evening, January 23, beginning at 8 o'clock sharp. On account of the illness of Miss Wright, the soprano solo will be sung by Miss Marie Stoddard, a singer of ability and experience, formerly soloist in the Brick Church, Orange, and now singing in a prominent church in Brooklyn. The tickets for this concert may be obtained at George M. Wood's drug store, Broad street. All the seats are reserved, at fifty and seventy-five cents.

Herbert Clark

Herbert Clark, a well-known young musician, and youngest son of Mrs. Mary J. Clark of 144 Washington street, died Sunday night of tuberculosis, after a few months' illness. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, and had a large circle of friends. He was 24 years old and unmarried.

N. HARVEY DODD

Has Sold His Property and Retired from Business—For Sixty Years a Wagon-Maker in this Town—Some Incidents in His Long Business Career.

N. Harvey Dodd, well known throughout Essex county as a wagon and carriage builder, has retired from business, and he has sold the land and buildings where he has carried on business since 1867 to the Torbensen Motor Car Company. As an apprentice, journeyman and manufacturer Mr. Dodd spent sixty years of his life in the vehicle-building trade here in Bloomfield.

When sixteen years old Mr. Dodd started as an apprentice with the firm of Baldwin & Ball, wheelwrights and general machinists, and located where Decker's livery stables now stand. Among the men who sometimes teased and sometimes advised the young apprentice were the late James Moore of Hendricks' Copper Works, David Oakes (founder of Thomas Oakes & Co.), Samuel Binson (then with Moffat's rolling mill), and "King" Crane of Bloomfield avenue fame.

In 1869 Mr. Dodd associated with A. N. Baldwin in the wagon-making business. Louis Harding did the woodwork and Mr. Dodd the blacksmith work. Some men working for A. N. Baldwin at that time were James J.rip (now in the selling business), Joseph R. Busby, John Donnelly, Jared Sigler and Mr. Baldwin's son John, afterwards a partner in the business.

In 1867 Mr. Dodd severed his connection with the Baldwin and started business for himself on the property he has just disposed of. He opened up shop in a barn in the rear of the premises. Among his business colleagues in and about the Centre at that period were John G. Keyler, undertaker; J. B. Harvey, tinmith; Edward Quinn, horse-shoer; Emmon Corby, butcher; Edward Wilde, grocer; Frank Dannebacher, grocer; Thomas Odum, baker; Thomas Moritz, barber; Weaver & Moore, real estate; John Ardeshoon, hotel; R. N. Dodd, livery stable and express; Horace Bond, postmaster; Samuel Carl, tailor; Benjamin Lewis, jeweller; George (Doc) Odum, newsdealer and stationer; Hargrave & Hays, hardware; J. Post, harness-maker; Dr. King, druggist.

In January, 1883, Bloomfield suffered a disastrous fire, in which Mr. Dodd's factory and a dwelling house on the south of it and two dwellings on the north of it were completely destroyed. The town was without fire protection of any kind at that time, and this fire led to the formation of the present volunteer fire department.

Among Mr. Dodd's most sympathetic friends at the time of the fire calamity was John G. Keyler. Both men were agreed that some step should be taken towards providing some kind of fire protection in the town. The Orange Water Company had just started its plant at that time, and wonderful stories were extant about the water pressure exhibitions at the company's wells in Grove street. Mr. Dodd and Mr. Keyler decided to visit the water works and did so, and they were well pleased. They gave an account of their visit at the next meeting of the Village Improvement Association, of which Mr. Dodd was president. The association took the matter up, and an excursion to the water works was proposed. James C. Beesh offered to provide two carriages for the party. Amos Dodd, R. N. Dodd, Henry B. Sheldon, Dr. Joseph A. Davis, N. H. Dodd and others offered carriages, and Watsessing station was made the starting point. From there the procession started for the water works, where the visitors were received by the officers of the water company. The result of the visit was that President Shepherd of the water company and Joseph L. Mann were invited to attend a meeting of the Village Improvement Association to talk over a plan for supplying Bloomfield with water. The Association hotel fire in March, 1883, gave an impetus to the plan under consideration, and the Orange Water Company soon had pipes in some of the town streets.

Mr. Dodd rebuilt his factory, replacing the former structure with a brick building. The wagon-making business was then a good one in this locality, and Mr. Dodd employed twenty-two men in his factory. The Western men had not yet monopolized the Eastern market, and machinery and stamping machines had not displaced wheelwrights and carriage blacksmiths, and the man who wanted a good wagon made wanted it made where he could personally watch the process of construction. At one time Mr. Dodd's business was not confined to local needs; he built and shipped many wagons South, but his last Southern shipment got caught in the civil war destruction, and Mr. Dodd was never paid for it.

Gradually the wagon and carriage making business, which for many years was a leading Essex county industry, has been driven out by Western competition, so that nothing now remains but repair work, and not much at that.

Mr. Dodd, in his sixty years' career in the business, witnessed many changes—not only the changes in his own line of business, but also in the general business of the town, for Mr. Dodd's life has been an active one, and very few things of public importance have transpired in Bloomfield in the last half century but what he has in some way or another been connected with.

Prof. Ebbels's Lecture.

Perhaps no other of Dickens's writings contains so much subtle humor and hard-headed common sense as the "Pickwick Papers." In them the lighter and brighter side of the author's nature is predominant and the interpreter thereof must possess the rare power of adapting himself to the insidious and "crescendos" of the writer's mind.

Mr. Edgar Judson Ebbels will read from "Pickwick Papers" under the auspices of the public lecture course, Friday evening, January 19, in the Centre School, Liberty street. Mr. Ebbels has a wide reputation as a successful interpreter of short stories and plays. With his strong, attractive personality, deep, magnetic voice and good stage presence, he never fails to gain at once the rapt attention of his audience. The following press notices on his rendition of "Pickwick" have lately been noted:

New York Tribune: "Pickwick, as presented by Mr. Ebbels, is entertaining not only, but is immensely enjoyable as well. No reader before the public, perhaps, more thoroughly understands Dickens's humor. Mr. Ebbels in his interpretation of Sam Weller manifests a sympathetic insight that is commanding. Sergeant Buzfuz's address is usually ruined by an exhibition of vocal power; it was a great pleasure, therefore, to hear it read by a man who thoroughly understands vocal expression and who can produce effects legitimately."

New York Herald: "Mr. Ebbels's recital gives one honest pleasure."

Brooklyn Eagle: "The attention he received was the highest tribute an audience could pay an artist."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Mr. Ebbels is one of the few readers who fulfil what has been said of them in advance. He is essentially an interpreter of the best literature."

Mr. Ebbels is no stranger to the people of Bloomfield, having appeared here several years ago in "Los Miserables," under the management of the Guild lecture course. The favorable impression he made at that time will undoubtedly guarantee him now a large and appreciative audience. Admission to all public lectures is free to adults. The following is a synopsis of Professor Ebbels's programme:

DICKENS.

Mr. Pickwick, a benevolent gentleman of leisure.

Sam Weller, his favorite servant.

Mr. Tupman.

Mr. Snodgrass, his traveling companion.

Mr. Winkle.

Mr. Pecksniff, Mr. Pickwick's attorney.

Tony Weller, Sam's father.

Mrs. Beldam, Mr. Pickwick's landlady.

Mrs. Cluppins.

Mrs. Sander.

Dodson and Fogg, her attorneys.

Sergeant Buzfuz.

Justice Starbough.

Mr. Pickwick consults Mrs. Bardell—He engages Sam Weller—He receives a letter—A call upon Dodson and Fogg—Sam meets his father—Tony Weller on "riders"—Sam calls upon Mrs. Bardell—He writes a "valentine"—Bardell against Pickwick.

Church Services.

A quarterly union prayer service was led by Dr. Charles S. Woodruff in the First Baptist Church Wednesday night. Others who took part were the Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Boardman, Franklin Wells and David G. Garabrant.

The Rev. Frederick W. Buis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is confined to his home in Oakland avenue by illness.

The Rev. George L. Curtis of the First Presbyterian Church is in Lakewood.

A mission study class will be started in the First Baptist Church next week under the leadership of Miss Juliet Maxfield.

Owl Bowling Club.

The Owl Bowling Club team, consisting of Augustus Ashbey, David P. Lyall, Jesse C. Green, Charles Nicolai, Arthur Leuthausen, Jr., William Carlson and Charles J. Hildebrandt met a team from the West End Club last night on Leuthausen's alleys. Thursday night the Owls entertained Frank C. Bucher of Elizabethport, and Joseph Reinheimer of Newark.

To Change By-Laws.

Essex Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 met Tuesday night and appointed a committee consisting of Frank H. Baker, Frank N. Usenget, Albert Loppacker, J. Adolph Weimar and Arthur Leuthausen, Jr., for the purpose of drafting a set of new by-laws.

Change of Closing Hours.

All of the Newark stores have changed their closing hours. They will close until further notice at 5:30 p. m., except Saturdays, at which time they will close at 10 p. m. as heretofore. They open at 8:30 a. m., as formerly.

MR. KOCHER CHAIRMAN

OF THE TOWN REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Unanimous Choice of the County Committee—Other Officers Chosen—Action in the Third Ward (Second District) Vacancy.

The local members of the Essex County Republican Committee met on Monday night and organized by electing Charles F. Kocher as chairman; Harry L. Osborne was elected vice-chairman; John B. Conlan, secretary, and Charles F. Hummel, treasurer. Mr. Osborne succeeds to the position formerly held by Collector Frank Foster, who for many years represented the Second District of the Third Ward in the county committee. Mr. Kocher was chosen chairman without opposition. The members of the county committee as now organized represent the Town Republican Executive Committee.

In respect to the vacancy in the committee caused by the death of John G. Weden, it was decided to have the Republican voters of the Third Ward (Second District) fill the vacancy by election. Such action on the part of the Executive Committee is a departure from precedent. The committee has power to fill vacancies in its own body, and has repeatedly done so. The appointment of James Campbell in the Second Ward, Harry L. Osborne in the First Ward and Richard Maxwell in the Third Ward are examples of the committee having filled vacancies in its own body without recourse to an election. In the Third Ward case the committee had before it the name of Walter Ellor, who was chosen at a meeting of the party workers in the district by a majority vote. The meeting at which Mr. Ellor was chosen was regular in form and in accordance with the advice of the chairman of the committee. It has been charged that the meeting was a snap affair, but the charge is ridiculous in face of the fact that the men who brought it about acted in accordance with the instructions given them. Mr. Ellor was the choice of the Colby element in the Republican party, and the opposition knew of the meeting and were aware of the possible choice, and made strenuous efforts to defeat it. Charles Nicolai, Joseph Cliffe, Thomas Booth, James Lee and others who worked for and secured the election of Mr. Ellor, feel much aggrieved over the action of the Executive Committee in refusing to accept the choice of the meeting.

It is understood that the Executive Committee was not actuated by any personal motive in its action, neither did factionalism have any bearing in the matter. It is anticipated that in the election to be held Mr. Ellor, if he consents to be a candidate, will be elected by a vote that will clear away all cause for discontent.

Mr. Ellor did not seek election as a member of the county committee, and took no active part in the fight. The fact that he is not a seeker for the office, and does not want to impose himself upon the party voters, tends to strengthen his position.

The Cost of Living.

There will be a lecture in the parlors of the Congregational Church on Tuesday evening, January 30, at 8 o'clock, on "How to regulate the cost of living," by Miss Ellen H. Richards. Miss Richards is instructor in sanitary chemistry in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, and is considered an authority on matters pertaining to household economies. There will be a charge of twenty-five cents to those wishing to attend the lecture who are not members of the club.

Settlement Work.

It is expected that early in February Miss Marvin, who has been a resident worker in Union Settlement, New York city, for several years, will speak in the parlors of Westminster Church on some phases of the work there. Union Settlement is on the upper East Side, and it is from this settlement that a party of little girls has been brought out to Bloomfield for a day in the country during the past two summers.

Fall From a Building.

James Cockfair, a carpenter, is confined to his home in Lakewood terrace suffering from injuries sustained by a fall from a building being erected in Williamson avenue by William R. Raab for Miss Glimmons. Mr. Cockfair fell about thirty feet. It is not known how the accident happened.

Illustrated Lecture.

"Holand and the Rhine" will be the subject of an illustrated lecture to be given in the rooms of Bloomfield Lodge; No. 40, T. and A. M., next Wednesday evening by Charles F. Kocher, when the lodge will hold a social session. In addition to the lecture there will be vocal and instrumental music. A large attendance of members is desired.